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SUBJ: CCD - US AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS MEETING, FEB 17, 1977

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING CCD PLENARY MEETING OF FEB 17 (SEPTEL), US AND SOVIET DELS MET AT WORKING LUNCHEON AT SOVIET MISSION. AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE FOR SPRING SESSION OF CCD, ON BASIS PROPOSALS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED BY US DEL. REQUEST URGENT WASHINGTON REACTION, BY OPENING OF BUSINESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FEB 22. END SUMMARY.

2. SOV DEL HOSTED LUNCHEON AT THEIR MISSION FEB 17, WITH PRINCIPAL PURPOSE TO DISCUSS PROVISIONALWORK PROGRAM FOR CCD'S SPRING SESSION, ON BASIS DRAFT PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED BY US DEL, AFTER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH WESTERN GROUP. SCHEDULE WOULD BE PROVIDED OTHER MEMBERS CCD,

FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION EARLY NEXT WEEK. AFTER SOVIET AND US DELS' AMENDMENTS, FOLLOWING IS AD REFERENDUM AGREED ON WORK PROGRAM: (RECOGNIZING THAT PLENARY SESSIONS WILL CONTINUE ON REGULAR TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS BASIS, WITH ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE OPENING STATEMENTS OR OTHER STATEMENTS BY CCD DELS).

"PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE FOR SPRING SESSION FOR CONFERENCE OF COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

FEB 21 - 25: 1. UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE CCD SPRING SESSION PROGRAM (TENTATIVELY TO BE SET FOR FEB 24). 2. SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

FEB 28 - MAR 4: UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM.

MAR 7 - 11: UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS ON CCD PROCEDURES.

MAR 14 - 18: UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS ON NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF MDW, WITH PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS.

MAR 21 - 26: (PLENARIES TO CONSIDER PROCEDURES AND NEGOTIATING PROGRAM).

MAR 28 - APR 2: UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON CW, WITH PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS. (PRESUMABLY PLENARY WOULD USE MAR 29 & 31 FOR COMMENTS ON UK DRAFT CW CONVENTION AND OTHER SUBMISSIONS). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APR 4 - 7: (WHILE NOT BEING PRESENTED FORMALLY TO OTHER DELS, THIS WOULD ANTICIPATE US/SOVIET CW BILATERALS).

APR 11 - 15: (PLENARY WOULD BEGIN CONCLUDING STATEMENTS BY DELS).

APR 18 - 22: (TENTATIVE) UNOFFICIAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON CTB.

3. US DEL HAS AGREED TO CONSULT WITH SOVIET DEL ON FEB 21 OR AT LATEST ON MORNING OF FEB 22 REGARDING ACCEPTABILITY OF THIS PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAM. REQUEST WASHINGTON REACTIONS IN TIME FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS. US DEL WISHES TO UNDERSCORE FACT THAT, ASSUMING THIS SCHEDULING IS APPROVED, WHETHER IN ITS SPECIFICS OR GENERAL DATES, WE WILL NEED SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER EXPERT RESOURCES IN LATTER PART OF CCD'S SPRING SESSION. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, RECOMMEND INCREASE IN SEISMIC EXPERT GROUP (MEETING SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK), SINCE US DEL HAS ADEQUATE TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL RESOURCES TO

SUPPLEMENT JOHN FILSON'S PARTICIPATION.

4. COMMENT: ABOVE SCHEDULE IS DESIGNED TO MEET SPECIFIC PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

A. IT PARTIALLY MEETS DESIRE OF NON-ALIGNED CCD MEMBERS TO CONSIDER CCD PROCEDURES, WHILE AT SAME TIME AIDING SOVIET AND US INTEREST TO AVOID FOCUSING ON SPECIFIC REFORMS OF CCD ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES OF NATURE PROPOSED BY MEXICAN REP.

B. IT REFERS SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF CW AND CTB, UNTIL US INTER-AGENCY STUDIES HAVE PROGRESSED FURTHER.

C. IT DILUTES PRESSURES FROM NON-ALIGNED CCD MEMBERS
TO PARTICIPATE MORE DIRECTLY IN FORMULATING CCD WORK-PROGRAM,
BY PROVIDING REASONABLE BASIS FOR THEIR DISCUSSION, WHICH
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WOULD BE AGREED BEFOREHAND BY US AND USSR.CATTO

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